

Towards a Greener Europe: Climate Change network meeting

4 November 2021

Report and follow-up of the meeting

Outline and purpose of the event

Interreg programmes have been addressing the topic of environment protection, climate change, biodiversity and risk prevention for many years. In the current programming period 2014-2020, a set of thematic objectives have been defined for interventions in the cohesion policy. Thematic Objective 5 specifically addresses the issue of promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management.

Interact has launched a thematic network addressing this topic in 2017, in order to improve thematic expertise to help the result orientation of projects and programmes, to identify substantial evidence of results and ensure higher visibility of those results.

The specific objective of the network is to establish a live exchange and cooperation platform network between Interreg, Interreg-IPA CBC and ENI CBC Programmes, implementing a series of activities such as regular meetings and training, on-line platform for discussion and debate where members can participate. The network shall also be a natural place to share success stories as well as discuss challenges that Interreg programs face when implementing projects in the field of climate change and risks.

Meeting objectives

Coinciding with the Climate Change Summit COP26 taking place in Glasgow, Interact organises the yearly online meeting of the Interreg Climate Change and Risks Network on 4 November 2021, through the zoom platform, with the goal of inspiring Interreg programmes' staff in the policy Objective of a Greener Europe.

As a follow up of the events organised in 2021 "Interreg & Climate Change: Cooperating for a Greener Europe", Interact would like to organise a session for the network members, where we can exchange our views on the new Policy Objective 2 and collect new ideas for 2022. We aim to achieving this with an exchange among network members experts and some successful practices from Programmes.

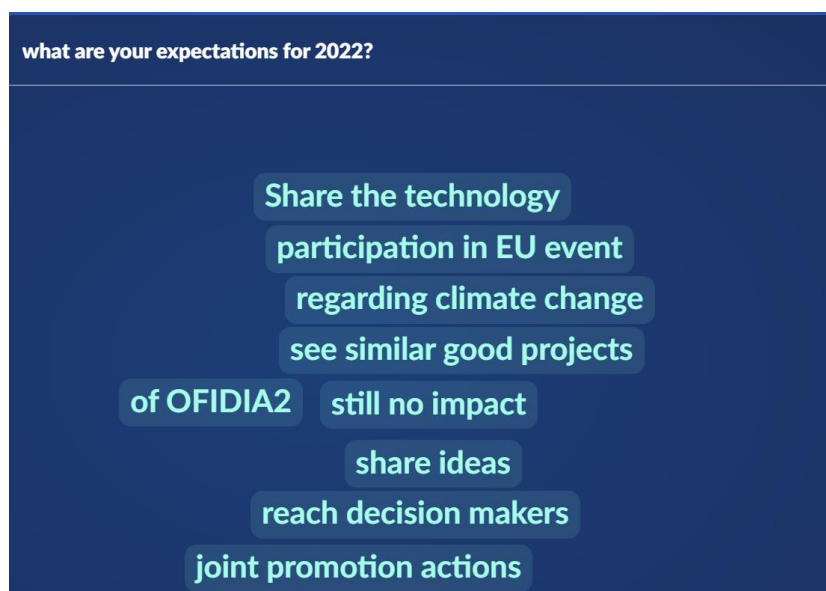
Expectations from the participants for 2022

The meeting gathered nearly 20 participants and started with welcome words and a summary of activities by Interact. A video summary of the achievements of the Network was presented and welcomed by participants. [It can be viewed in Interact's library](#):

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Afterwards, participants were asked to express their expectations for the Network in 2022, which can be summarised in the wordcloud below.



A follow-up of these expectations will take place in 2022 with network members.